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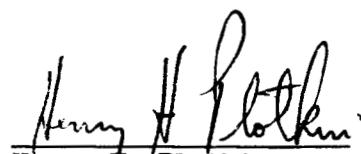
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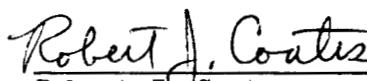
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ABSTRACT

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The GEOS I satellite, launched in November 1965, is a gravity stabilized geodetic spacecraft. It is equipped with an optical beacon consisting of four high intensity xenon flash lamps that are programmed to flash at precise times and time intervals.

During the months of February and March 1966, several passes of the GEOS satellite optical beacon flashes were observed photoelectrically at the Goddard Optical Research Facility. A total of 32 flash lamp sequences were observed, recorded and timed relative to the NASA Goddard Cesium Beam Standard. Results of the experiment verified that lamp flashes occur with sufficient accuracy at times programmed into the satellite memory, and indicate that the optical beacon may prove to be useful in checking and possibly synchronizing ground based clocks.

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PURPOSE

The GEOS satellite, launched in November 1965, is a gravity stabilized geodetic spacecraft having its bottom plane surface always pointing toward the center of the earth. Its orbital parameters are

Apogee	2272.3KM
Perigee	1117.1KM
Period	120.3 Minutes
Inclination	59.4°

On the bottom surface of the GEOS satellite is an optical beacon consisting of four high-intensity xenon flash lamps. The operation of these lamps is controlled by the satellite's memory and stable oscillator (clock). The four flash lamps all point in one direction and may be flashed in any combination of one to four lamps. Flash times are programmed into the satellite memory every 24-48 hours by the Applied Physics Laboratory located in Howard County, Maryland. The memory then controls the flash times of the optical beacon over pre-determined areas of the earth up to 24 hours later. A total of 200 flashes may be programmed during a single orbit.

The optical beacon is programmed in sequences of five or seven lamp flashes, the first flash synchronized to begin within ± 400 microseconds of the on-board satellite clock minute marker. The time interval spacing between successive flashes in a sequence is on the order of 4 seconds ± 40 microseconds. The flash duration is 1.2 milliseconds ± 200 microseconds.

A light output versus time waveform plot (as determined by the EG&G Company prior to the satellite launch date) of a GEOS flash lamp is shown in Figure 1. The light output risetime, as determined from Figure 1 is 80 microseconds (10-90% points) while the lamp pulse duration is 1.2 milliseconds measured at its $\frac{1}{3}$ power points.

The purpose of the Optical Systems Branch experiment was to determine, based on ground observations and relative to the time standard used by APL and available to all users of GEOS, the following:

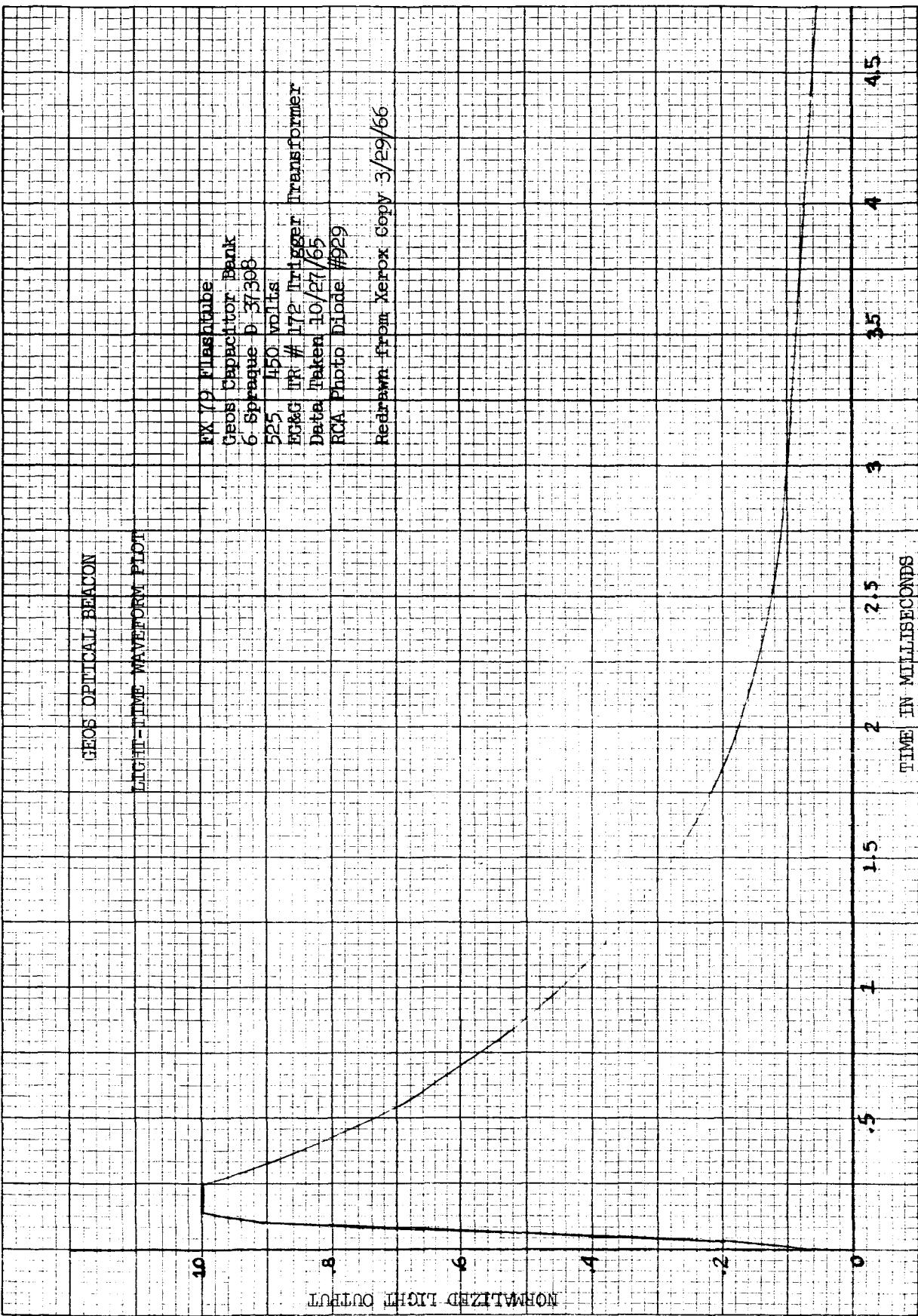
- a) The start time of each flash lamp sequence
- b) The time interval between successive flashes within a sequence
- c) The pulse duration of the observed flashes.

EXPERIMENT SYSTEM

Figure 2 is a block diagram of the receiver-recorder system used during the experiment. The receiver telescope, the same as is used during the Goddard laser ranging experiments, has an effective aperture of 16 inches (40.6 cm) and a focal length of 300 inches (762 cm). An aperture stop of 1.5 inches (3.8 cm), located directly in front of the receiver phototube, gives a receiver field of view of 17.2 minutes¹. During a satellite pass the telescope mount is driven along the computed satellite trajectory through the use of a paper tape mount programmer. Since the

¹Field of view is determined by the equation $\theta = 2 \tan^{-1}(\frac{D}{2FL})$
where θ = field of view
D = diameter of aperture stop
FL = focal length of telescope.

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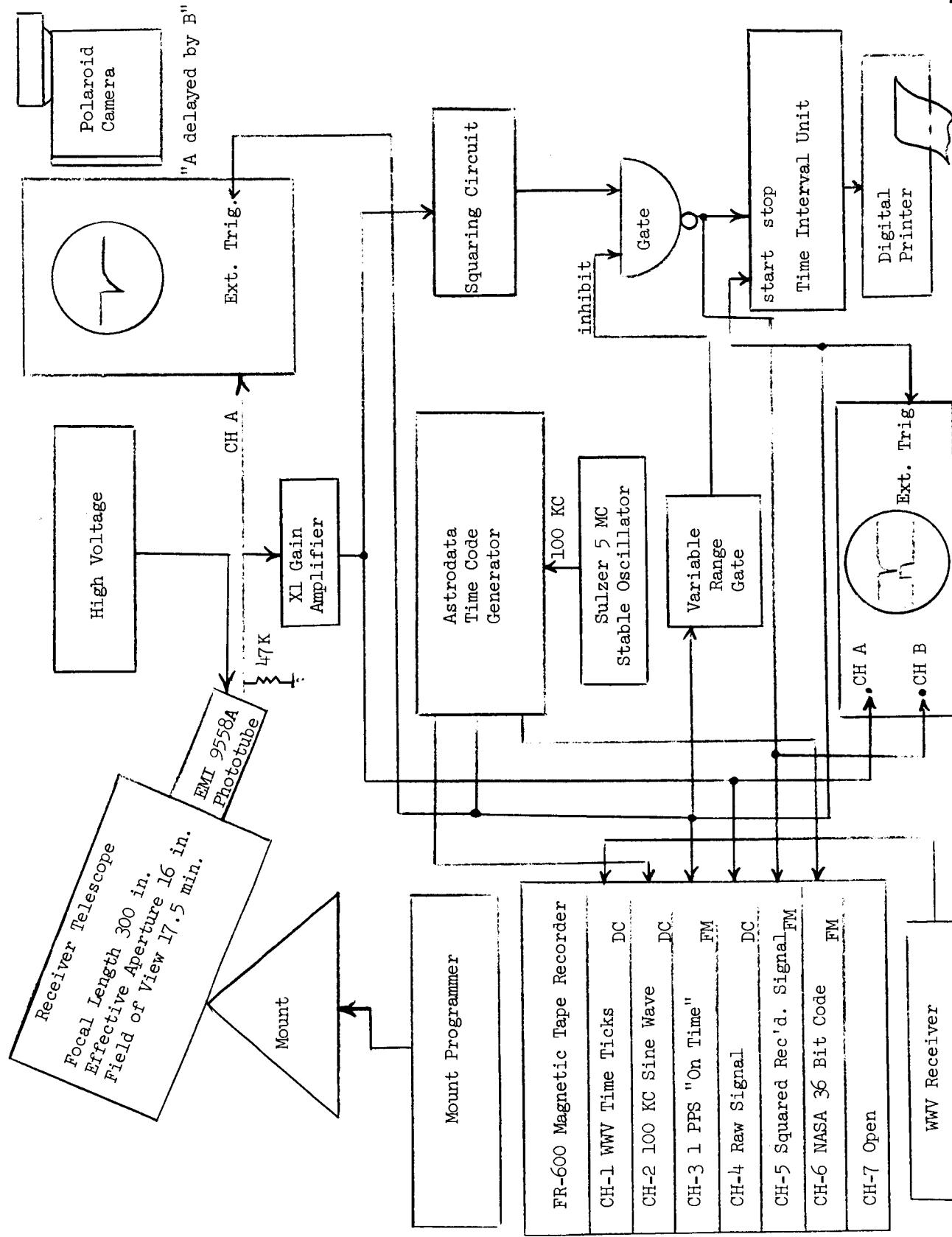
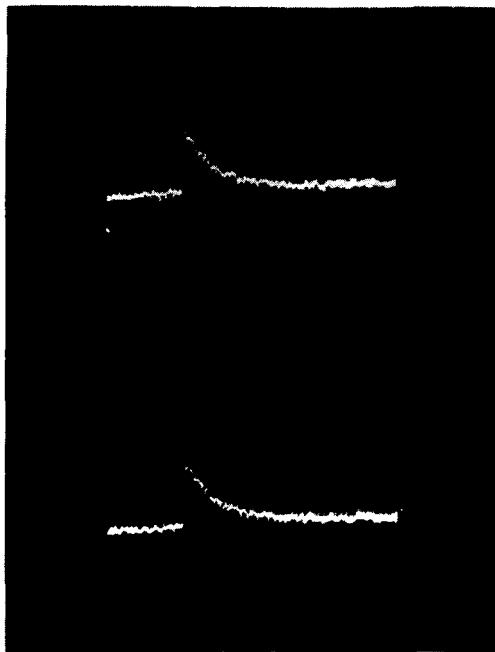


FIGURE 2. GEOS RECEIVER-RECORDING SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

prediction accuracy and mount movement is sufficient to hold the target within a 10 minute arc circle, it was not normally required to make manual corrections to the programmed drive. When the satellite was in sunlight against a dark sky, it was also possible to view it visually through an auxiliary telescope.

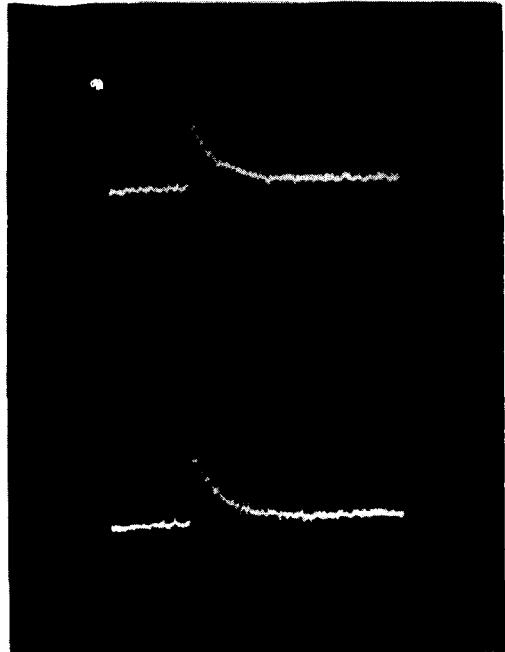
The receiver phototube was an EMI9558A with an S-20 surface. There was no attempt made to filter out a particular line within the xenon output spectrum which approximates daylight; instead the flashes were received unfiltered onto the photocathode surface. The output of the phototube was applied across a 47 kilohm load, and fed to both an oscilloscope and a X1 (unity) gain amplifier, both placed on the platform near the tracking pedestal.

The oscilloscope was located within 15 cable feet of the output of the phototube. Its purpose was to display the undistorted received signal for photographic purposes. The scope trace was initiated by a delayed (5 milliseconds) 1 PPS "on time" pulse generated by our time code generator. The flash lamp signal was thus positioned in the center of the oscilloscope sweep and was photographically recorded through the use of a polaroid camera. Figures 3 through 6 (A&B) show typical flash lamp signals received and recorded directly out of the receiver phototube. The flash lamp signal was simultaneously sent to the unity gain amplifier (cable driver) and recorded on magnetic and paper tape recorders (Figures 7 and 7A).



"A" (4 lamps)

Top - Time $07^{h}43^m00^s$ (F_1)
Range 7892 microsec.
Bottom - Time $07^{h}43^m04^s$ (F_2)
Range 7903 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Measured Flash Duration \approx 1.2 millisec.
(1/3 power point)
Elevation Angle $\approx 70^\circ$

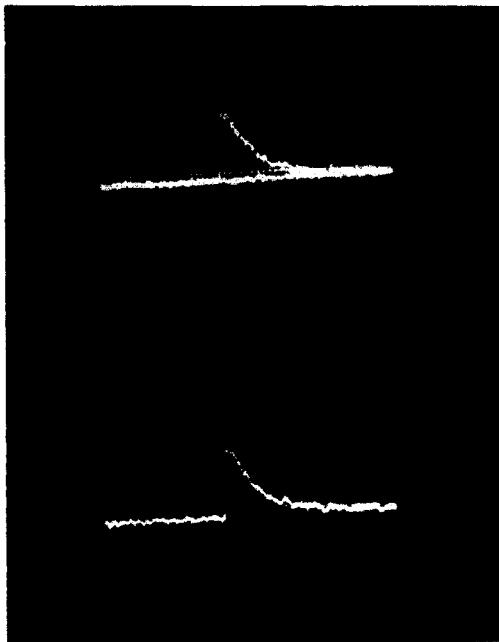


"B" (4 lamps)

Top - Time $07^{h}43^m20^s$ (F_6)
Range 7955 microsec.
Bottom - Time $07^{h}43^m16^s$ (F_5)
Range 7938 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Measured Flash Duration \approx 1.2 millisec.
(1/3 power point)
Elevation Angle $\approx 70^\circ$

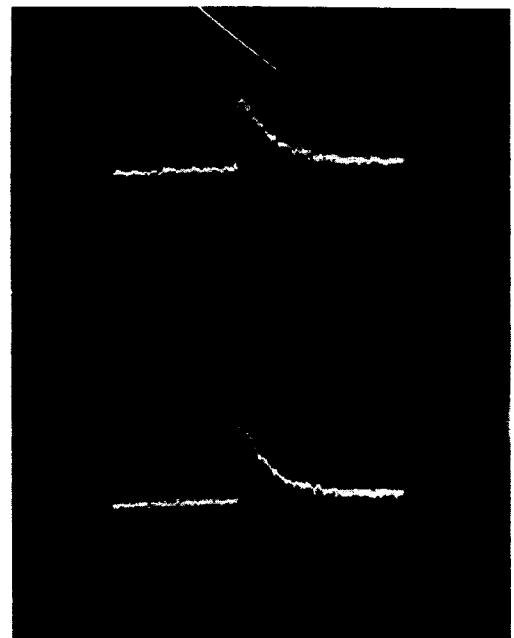
*Sweep start delayed 5 milliseconds

FIGURE 3. Typical 4 Lamp GEOS Flash As
Received on March 9, 1966 - Directly Out of Phototube



"A" (4 Lamps)

Top - Time $07^{h}47^m00^s$ (F_1)
Range - 9480 microsec.
Bottom - Time $07^{h}47^m04^s$ (F_2)
Range 9520 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Measured Flash Duration \approx 1.2 millisecond.
(1/3 power point)
Elevation Angle $\approx 44^\circ$

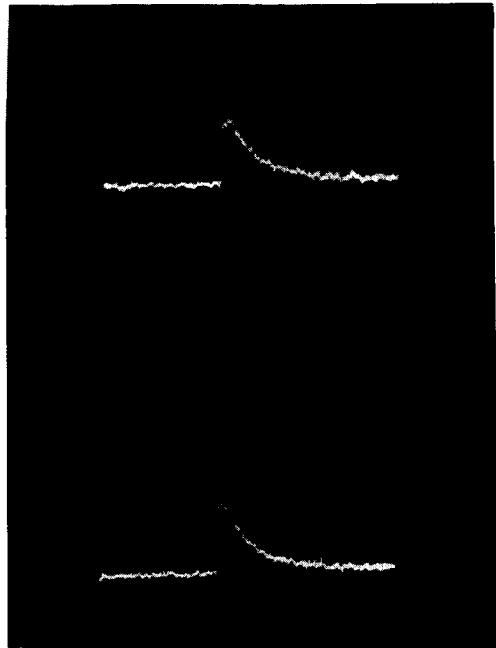


"B" (4 Lamps)

Top - Time $07^{h}47^m16^s$ (F_5)
Range 9642 microsec.
Bottom - Time $07^{h}47^m20^s$ (F_6)
Range 9683 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Measured Flash Duration \approx 1.2 millisecond.
(1/3 power point)
Elevation Angle $\approx 44^\circ$

*Sweep start delayed 5 milliseconds

FIGURE 4. Typical 4 Lamp GEOS Flash As Received on March 9, 1966 - Directly Out of Phototube



"A" (4 lamps)

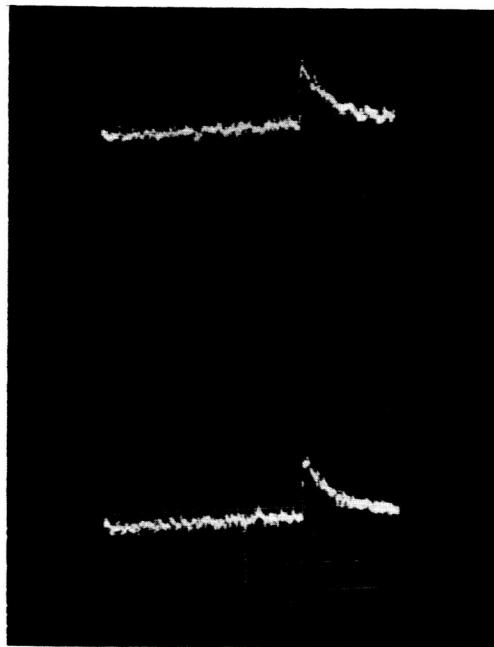
Top - Time $09^{\text{h}}41^{\text{m}}00^{\text{s}}$ (F_1)
Range 12,441 microsec.
Bottom - Time $09^{\text{h}}41^{\text{m}}04^{\text{s}}$ (F_2)
Range 12,397 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Pulse Duration \approx 1.2 millisec.
Elevation Angle \approx 25.0 deg.

"B" (4 lamps)

Top - Time $09^{\text{h}}48^{\text{m}}00^{\text{s}}$ (F_1)
Range 9,367 microsec.
Bottom - Time $09^{\text{h}}48^{\text{m}}04^{\text{s}}$ (F_2)
Range 9,358 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Pulse Duration \approx 1.2 millisec.
Elevation Angle \approx 47.0 deg.

*Sweep start delayed 5 milliseconds

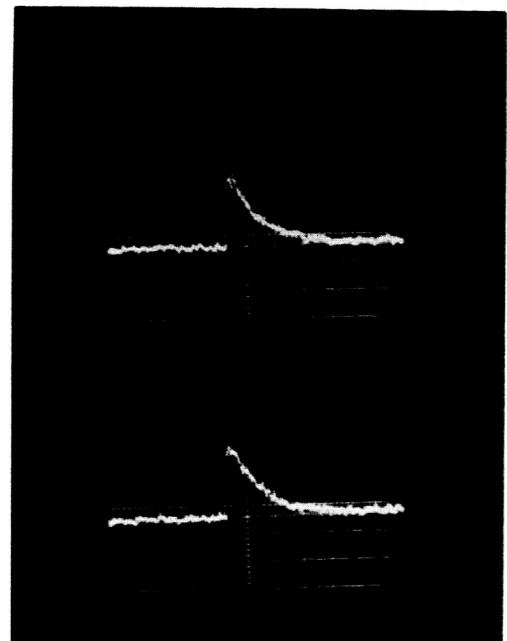
FIGURE 5. Typical 4 Lamp GEOS Flash As
Received on March 9, 1966 - Directly Out of Phototube
(Comparison of Flash Intensity for Like Flashes Within a Sequence)



"A" (4 lamps)

Top - Time $09^{\text{h}}41^{\text{m}}16^{\text{s}}$ (F_5)
Range 12,264 microsec.
Bottom - Time $09^{\text{h}}41^{\text{m}}12^{\text{s}}$ (F_4)
Range 12,308 microsec.
Sweep 1 ms/cm*
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Pulse Duration \approx 1.2 millisecond
Elevation Angle \approx 26 deg.

*Sweep start delayed 5 milliseconds



"B" (4 lamps)

Top - Time $09^{\text{h}}48^{\text{m}}12^{\text{s}}$ (F_4)
Range 9343 microsec.
Bottom - Time $09^{\text{h}}48^{\text{m}}16^{\text{s}}$ (F_5)
Range 9337 microsec
Sweep 1 ms/cm
Amplitude 1 v/cm
Pulse Duration \approx 1.2 millisecond
Elevation Angle \approx 46 deg.

FIGURE 6. Typical 4 Lamp GEOS Flash As
Received March 9, 1966 - Directly Out of Phototube
(Comparison of Flash Intensity for Like Flashes Within a Sequence)

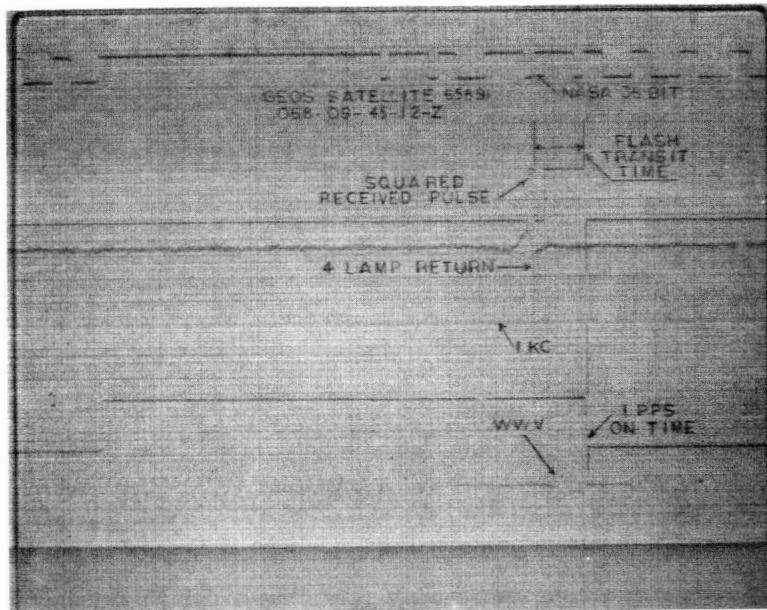


Figure 7. A typical FR600 magnetic tape playback recording onto paper tape of GEOS flash received March 9, 1966 at 09^h45^m12^s (Flash #4) Flash transit time - 10,014 microseconds (as measured from leading edge of 1 PPS "on time" pulse to leading edge of squared received signal). Time increases from right to left.

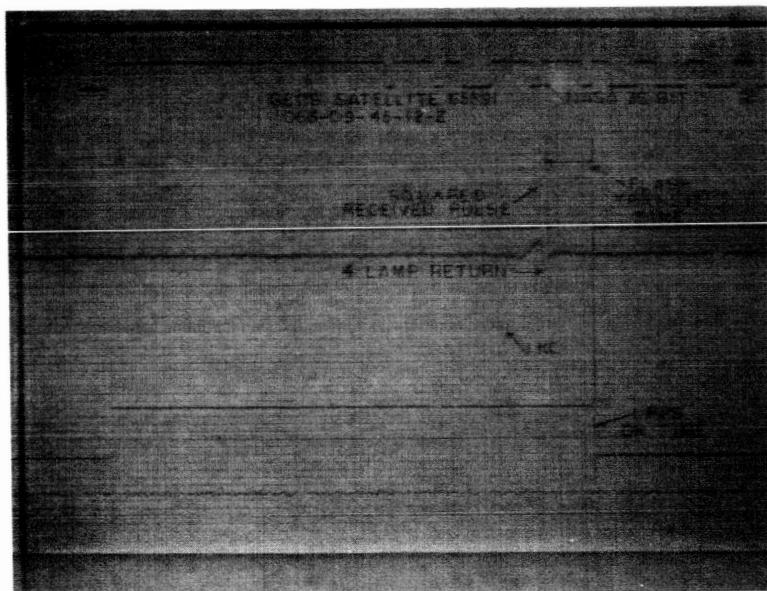


Figure 7A. A typical FR600 magnetic tape playback recording onto paper tape of GEOS flash received March 9, 1966 at 09^h48^m12^s. Flash transit time - 9,218 microseconds (as measured from leading edge of 1 PPS "on time" pulse to leading edge of squared received signal). Time increases from right to left.

In order to provide a reliable triggering edge for time interval determinations, the flash lamp signal was squared and also recorded. This squared pulse is shown, along with the range gate in Figure 7 and again in Figure 8 A&B. The time interval counter, which had been started by the leading edge of our 1 PPS "on time" marker, was stopped by the squared received signal, thus giving the exact time interval between our reference 1 PPS "on time" marker and the arrival time of the lamp flash signal. The output of the time interval counter was then printed out on paper tape for later re-run comparisons with the data as recorded on the magnetic tape recorder. Data reduction was begun after all flash sequences within a pass were recorded.

DATA REDUCTION

The FR-600 magnetic tape recorder has a frequency response of 300 cps to 250 KC using its DC record/reproduce modules and 0-20 KC response using its FM record/reproduce modules. In order to conserve its pulse shape and characteristics, the received flash lamp signal was recorded on a DC channel while its squared signal counterpart was recorded on an FM channel. The various other timing signals were then recorded on other channels at a tape speed of 60 ips. At the end of a pass the reference 1 PPS "on time" marker, along with the squared received flash returns, were played back from the magnetic tape recording into the time interval counter (Figure 9). The counter was started by the leading edge of the "on time" marker and stopped by the leading edge of the squared received signal. The

*Later results indicate that a differentiated signal applied to a DC record channel is not faithfully reproduced. However, the reproduction does not affect the risetime but only the decay time of the pulse.

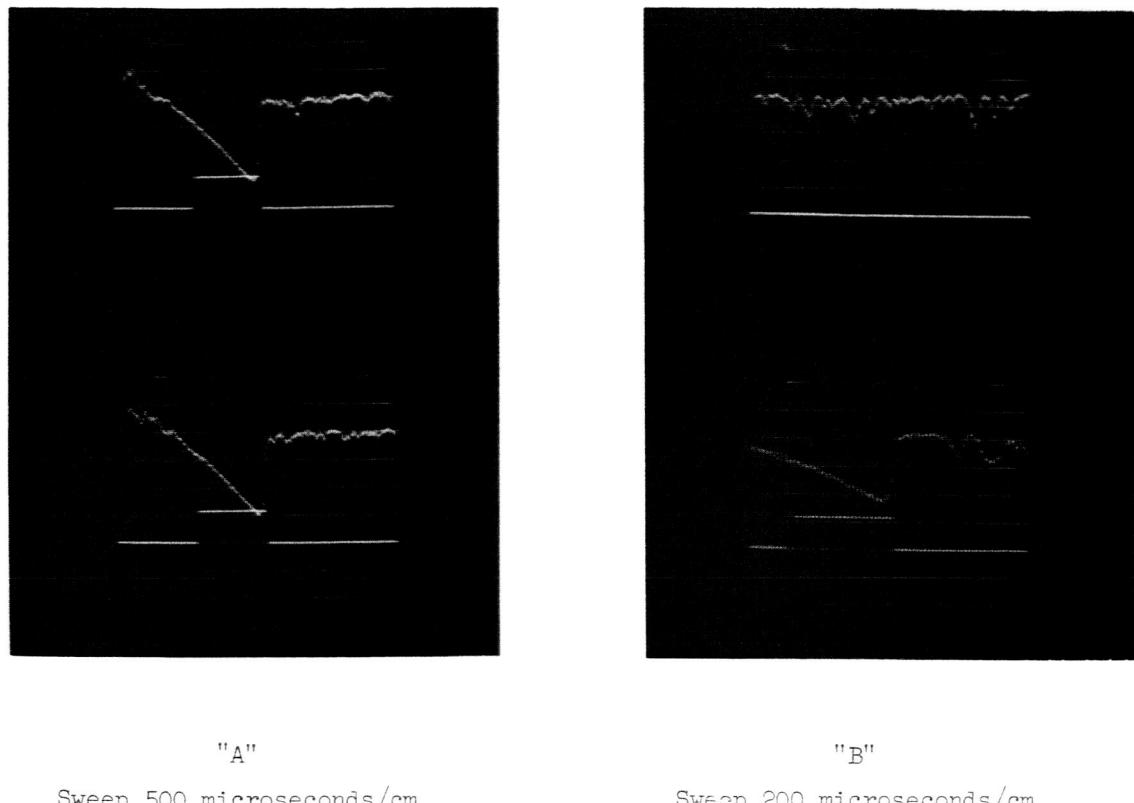
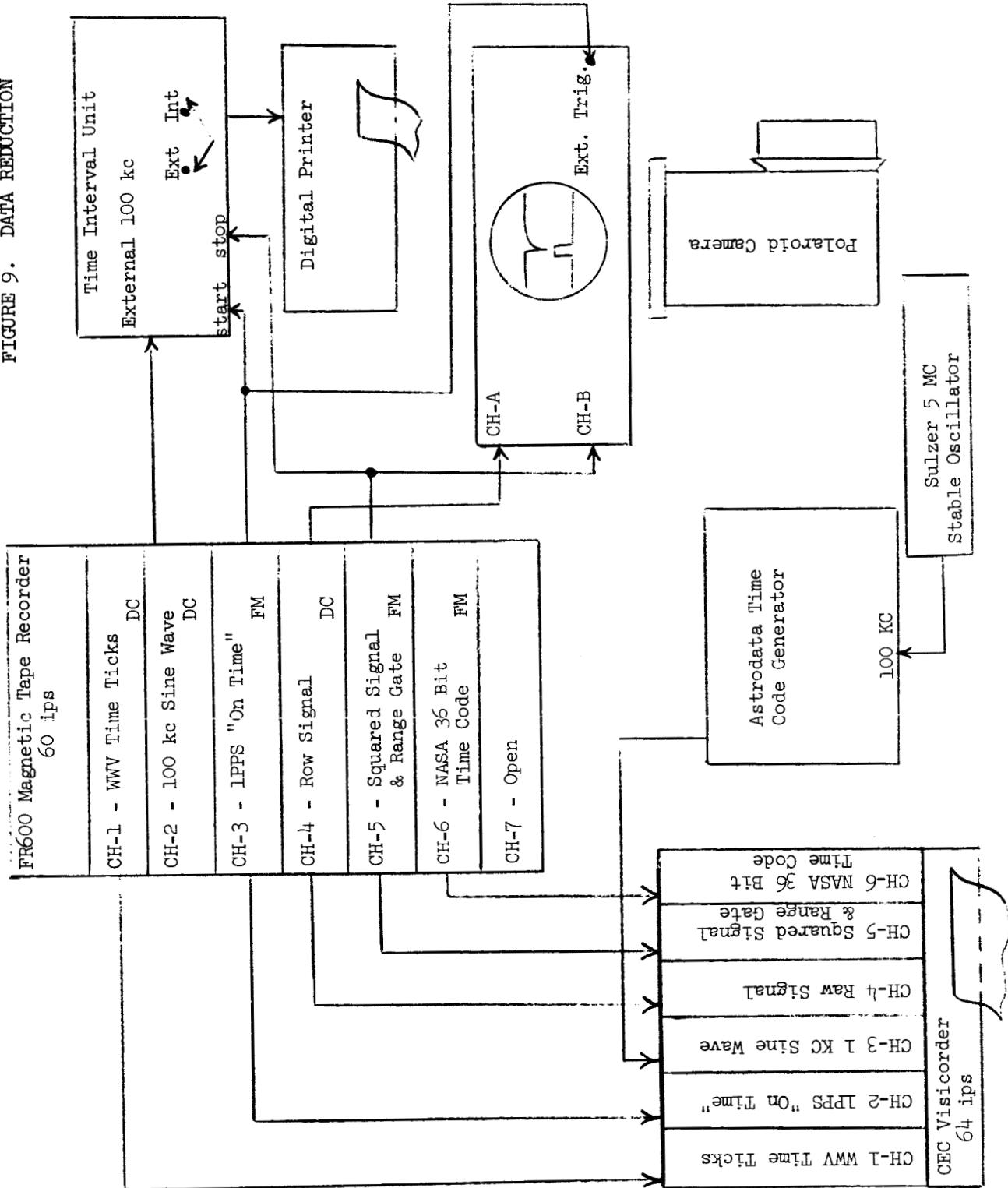


Figure 8. Typical playback from magnetic tape showing the flash lamp return and its squared signal counterpart. Rise time of flash lamp signal (10-90% points) is approximately 80-100 microseconds. Squared signal risetime is < 5 microseconds. The squared signal is used to stop the time interval counter to obtain accurate range measurements. Time increases from right to left.

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FIGURE 9. DATA REDUCTION



time interval thus displayed was printed out on digital paper tape. Each flash sequence was played back a minimum of 12 times: first, six times against the 1 MC internal oscillator of the time interval unit, and then six times against the stable 100KC as recorded on the magnetic tape. The readings thus obtained were then averaged to give a more meaningful time interval measurement.

The satellite range information for each particular minute and second involved was obtained from the printed copy of the programmer drive tape which had been prepared on the basis of previous Minitrack data. The averaged time interval readings, as obtained above, were then compared to these computer-predicted ranges. The time differences obtained, indicated relative to our reference 1 PPS "on time" marker, when each lamp flash of a sequence occurred, or the time interval between lamp flashes. Table 1 is a record of the arrival times of the first flash of each sequence that was received. A minus sign in front of the time differences listed indicates that the lamp flash actually occurred on the satellite prior to our reference 1 PPS "on time" marker. A plus sign indicates that the lamp flash occurred after our 1 PPS "on time" marker. Listed in Column 5 are the times, relative to WWV, that the integer minute marker occurred on-board the satellite. Comparison of Column 4 and 5 indicates that the lamp flashes occur well within the ± 400 microseconds of the satellite integer minute marker.

TABLE 1

TIMING RESULTS OF FLASH #1 OF A GEOS FLASH SEQUENCE

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
DATE			TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY REC'D FLASHES (μSEC)	SATELLITE INTEGER ^{1,2} MINUTE MARKER OCCURRENCE
DAYS	HRS.	MIN. SEC.	(T + Δt) - (T + Δt _{1MC}) (μ SEC)	(μ SEC)
049	10	27 00	00.11233	-3280
		30 00	00.10562	-3314
		32 00	00.10616	-3297
		33 00	00.10797	-3312
066	07	24 00	00.13109	+436
		29 00	00.9816	+463
		35 00	00.8887	+418
		44 00	00.11215	+464
066	09	36 00	00.9232	+509
		40 00	00.8449	+485
		41 00	00.8562	+475
		43 00	00.9142	+490
067	07	29 00	00.12207	-127
		34 00	00.9009	-144
		39 00	00.8311	-153
		44 00	00.10621	-181
067	09	35 00	00.13030	-136
		40 00	00.9915	-139
		43 00	00.8963	-118
		44 00	00.8864	-156
		45 00	00.8884	-144
068	07	37 00	00.9382	+16
		39 00	00.8395	+8
		43 00	00.7892	+29
		47 00	00.9480	+21
		48 00	00.10113	+21
068	09	41 00	00.12441	+21
		43 00	00.11198	+19
		45 00	00.10205	+28
		48 00	00.9367	+14
		52 00	00.9752	+63

¹Minus sign indicates flash occurred prior to true "on time".

Plus sign indicates flash occurred after true "on time".

"On time" is that time referenced to cesium beam standard at the Goddard Timing Laboratory - true "on time" (i.e. referred to WWV) would necessitate the subtraction of approximately 30 microseconds from each listed time difference.

²Telephone conversation with Mr. Glen San Lwin of APL. Obtained from telemetry received at APL. Reference time used at APL is reference to true WWV on time.

Table 2 is a record of the arrival times and time intervals of a typical 7-flash sequence. As can be seen from this table, the time interval between flashes is 4 seconds \pm 40 microseconds. Comparison of the data obtained from all pass sequences observed (see Appendix) indicates that this time interval between successive flashes does hold.

TIMING

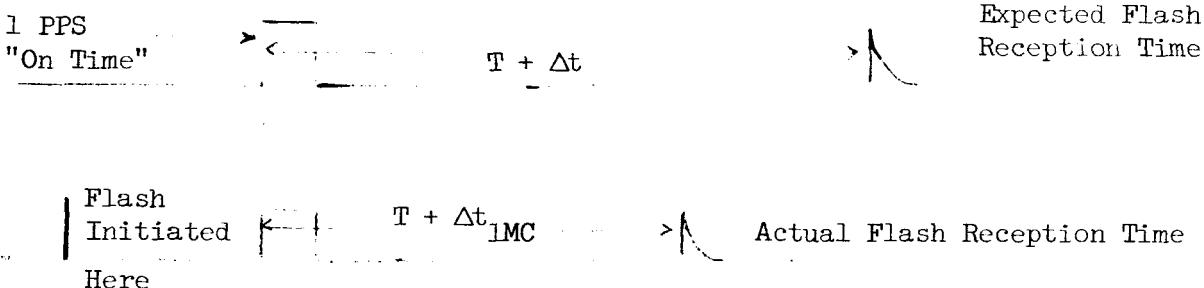
Figure 10 is a comparison of the WWV time ticks as received and the Goddard cesium beam time standard system. This time difference indicates that the WWV time ticks appears to be a poor choice as reference for this experiment. The "true WWV on time" occurs 30 microseconds \pm 1 microsecond ahead of the cesium beam standard 1 PPS. This delay, inherent in the WWV transmission circuitry has been verified both by NBS - Boulder personnel and members of the Goddard Timing Systems Section² in December 1965. The variations and drift shown in Figure 10 are in addition to and independent of this constant offset.

The purpose of the experiment was to accurately determine, relative to WWV, the start of a flash lamp sequence. It was therefore imperative that our reference 1 PPS "on time" marker be accurately set and checked constantly for drift. In addition since WWV varied so from day to day and second to second, it was thought that it would be more meaningful to reference a stable time base - the Goddard cesium standard. "On time" determination was established through the use of a highly stable secondary

²Private conversation with Mr. S. Wardrip of the Goddard Timing Systems Section on March 28, 1966.

TABLE 2

DAY	HOUR	MIN	SEC	FLASH NO.	TIME DIFFERENCE	TIME DIFFERENCE	TIME DIFFERENCE
					BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD. FLASHES / SEC.		
068	09	48	00	1	-138	-	-
		48	04	2	-144	4.000006	+6
		48	08	3	-143	3.999999	-1
		48	12	4	-125	3.999982	-18
		48	16	5	-121	3.999996	-4
		48	20	6	-119	3.999998	-2
		28	24	7	-108	3.999989	-11



WVN Time Ticks Versus Goddard Cesium Standard Ticks
 2/10/66 To 3/21/66

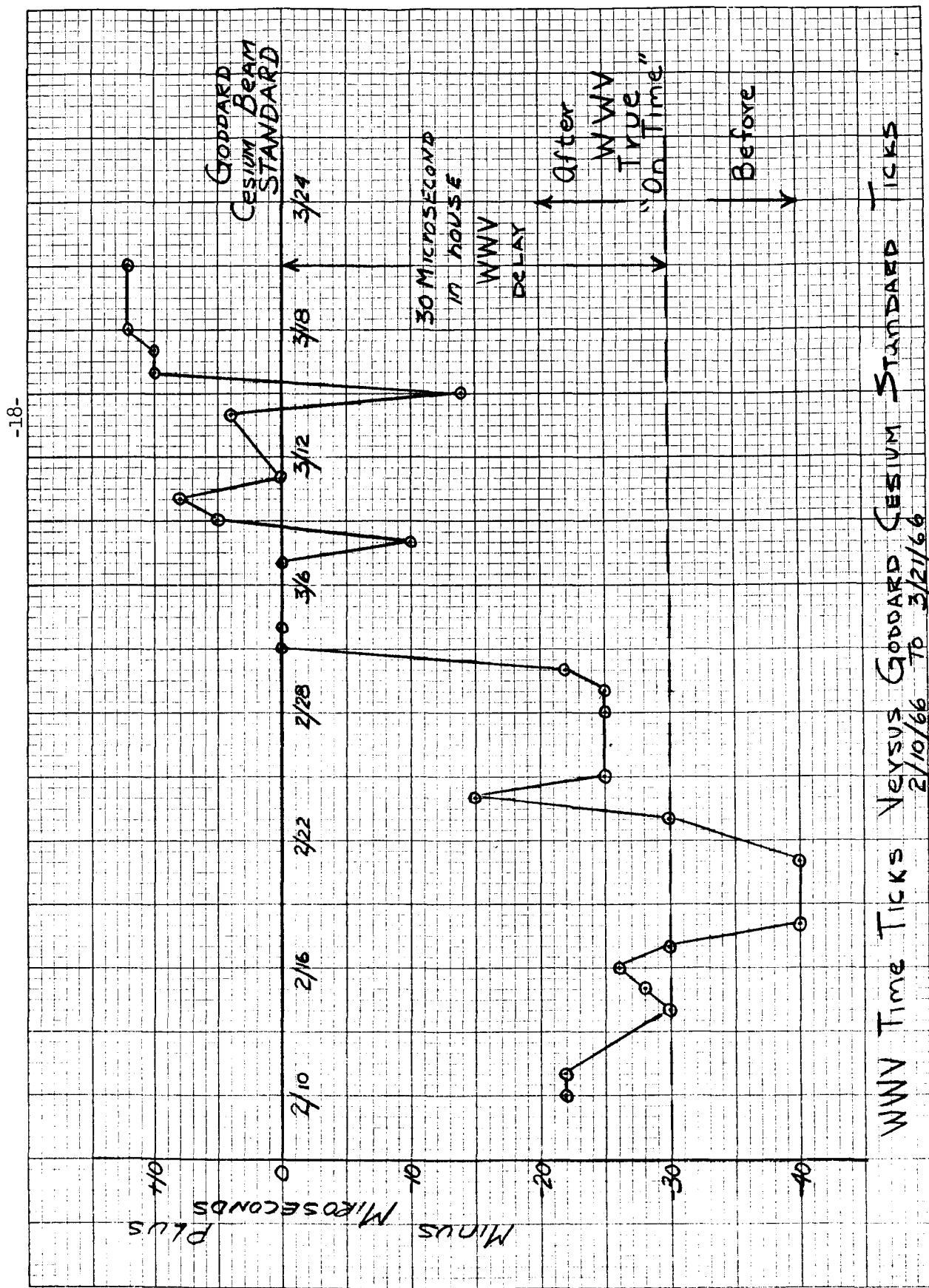


FIGURE 10

quartz frequency standard and a portable clock borrowed from the Goddard Timing Laboratory.

The portable clock was first set to within 1 microsecond of the 1 PPS output of the Goddard cesium beam standard. The portable clock was then transported to the Goddard Optical Research Facility and used to set our 1 PPS "on time" marker to within one microsecond of the portable standard. In all, our time code generator 1 PPS "on time" marker was then within 2 microseconds of the Goddard cesium beam time standard and within 32 microseconds of true time referenced to WWV. At the end of a satellite pass (usually 6-8 hours later) our 1 PPS "on time" marker was again compared against the portable clock. The difference thus obtained, on the order of minus 10 microseconds, was recorded. The portable clock was again compared to the cesium standard at Goddard. Corrections for both differences then established the drift of our 1 PPS "on time" standard from either the cesium standard or true "on time" of WWV. At the end of a pass, our 1 PPS "on time" marker occurred after (late) true WWV "on time" by 34-38 microseconds. If we correct for this estimated offset, then our time is good to ± 2 microseconds relative to "true WWV on time." It should be noted that Table 1 was not corrected for these offsets.

RESULTS

Table 1 gives the time differences recorded for the first lamp flash of a sequence. The time recorded is an average of 6 readings of the flash time arrival, referenced to our 1 PPS "on time" marker and corrected for

the time of flight from the predicted satellite range at that time. Since the Goddard cesium standard is ahead of "true WWV on time" by 30 microseconds, our time difference is in error by that amount plus the drift error of our time code generator. Results of the experiment indicate the following:

1. The flash lamp sequence, except for the pass data obtained on March 7, 1966, begins prior to the ground based integer U.T. minute marker "true WWV on time".
2. The flashes begin within ± 400 microseconds of the integer minute occurrence on board the satellite.
3. The time interval between flashes within a sequence is 4 seconds ± 40 microseconds.
4. The pulse duration (1/3 power points) of the observed flashes is 1.2 milliseconds ± 200 microseconds (Figures 3 through 6).
5. The lamp output risetime is on the order of 80-100 microseconds (Figures 8A&B).
6. Flash #2 of a sequence normally has the longest time interval, i.e. flash #2 occurs 4 seconds or more after the first flash of a sequence.
7. All other flash time intervals are normally less than 4 seconds.

The Appendix lists the times of arrival of all GEOS flashes photo-electrically recorded.

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APPENDIX

GEOS FLASH DETECTION

				(T+Δt)	(T+Δt _{100C})	(T+Δt _{1MC})	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹		
				EXPECTED FLASH	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	BETWEEN EXPECTED	SATELLITE INTEGER	
				RECEPTION TIME	TIMED AGAINST 100C	TIMED AGAINST 1MC	& ACTUALLY RECD.	MINUTE MARKER	
TIME (GMT)	FLASH #	SEC	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(T+Δt) - (T+Δt _{1MC})	OCCURRENCE _{1,2}	(.1 SEC) _{1,2}
DAYS	HRS	MIN	SEC						
<u>SEQUENCE No. 1</u>									
049	10	27	00	1	00 ^S .11233	00 ^S .7900	00 ^S .7897	-3336	-3280
				04	04 ^S .11209	04 ^S .7870	04 ^S .7868	-3341	
				08	08 ^S .11185	08 ^S .7850	08 ^S .7852	-3333	
				12	12 ^S .11162	12 ^S .7850	12 ^S .7851	-3311	
				16	16 ^S .11139	16 ^S .7830	16 ^S .7831	-3309	
				20	20 ^S .11116	20 ^S .7410*	20 ^S .7411	Error	
				24	24 ^S .11094	24 ^S .7812	24 ^S .7812	-3282	
<u>SEQUENCE No. 2</u>									
049	10	30	00	1	00 ^S .10562	00 ^S .7240	00 ^S .7236	-3326	-3314
				04	04 ^S .10556	04 ^S .7210	04 ^S .7215	-3341	
				08	08 ^S .10552	08 ^S .7210	08 ^S .7206	-3346	
				12	12 ^S .10548	12 ^S .7230	12 ^S .7228	-3320	
				16	16 ^S .10544	16 ^S .7230	16 ^S .7228	-3316	
				20	20 ^S .10541	20 ^S .7240	20 ^S .7238	-3303	
				24	24 ^S .10538	24 ^S .7240	24 ^S .7239	-3299	

				(T) TIME HRS	(GMT) MIN SEC	FLASH #	(T+Δt) 100KC EXPECTED FLASH RECEPTION TIME RECEPTION TIME TIMED AGAINST 100KC (4 SEC)	(T+Δt) 100KC ACTUAL FLASH REC. TIMED AGAINST 1MC (4 SEC)	(T+Δt) 1MC ACTUAL FLASH REC. TIMED AGAINST 1MC (1 SEC)	TIME DIFFERENCE 1 BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY REC'D. MINUTE MARKER OCCURRENCE (1 SEC) 1,2	
SEQUENCE No. 3											
049	10	32	00	1	00 ^S .10616		00 ^S .7290	00 ^S .7292		-3297	
				04	2	04 ^S .10625	04 ^S .7290	04 ^S .7285		-3324	
				08	3	08 ^S .10634	08 ^S .7290	08 ^S .7287		-3340	
				12	4	12 ^S .10644	12 ^S .7320	12 ^S .7319		-3347	
				16	5	16 ^S .10655	16 ^S .7320	16 ^S .7325		-3325	
				20	6	20 ^S .10665	20 ^S .7360	20 ^S .7357		-3330	
				049	10	32	24 ^S .10676	24 ^S .7380	24 ^S .7382		-3294
SEQUENCE No. 4											
049	10	33	00	1	00 ^S .10797		00 ^S .7450	00 ^S .7446		-3312	
				04	2	04 ^S .10812	04 ^S .7470	04 ^S .7468		-3351	
				08	3	08 ^S .10828	08 ^S .7480	08 ^S .7476		-3344	
				12	4	12 ^S .10845	12 ^S .7520	12 ^S .7519		-3352	
				16	5	16 ^S .10862	16 ^S .7530	16 ^S .7526		-3336	
				20	6	20 ^S .10879	20 ^S .7550	20 ^S .7549		-3330	
				049	10	33	24 ^S .10897	24 ^S .7590	24 ^S .7584		-3313

TIME (GMT)				(T+Δt) _{100KC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC}	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY REC'D.	SATELLITE INTEGER & MINUTE MARKER
TIME	(HRS)	MIN	SEC	EXPECTED FLASH RECEPTION TIME	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	FLASHES (' SEC)	OCCURRENCE	FLASHES (' SEC)
DAY	#			(μ SEC)	(μ SEC)	(T+Δt) - (T+Δt) _{1MC}	(μ SEC)	(μ SEC)
<u>SEQUENCE No. 1</u>								
066	09	36	00	1	00 ^s .9232	00 ^s .9700	+463	+509
					04 ^s .9204	04 ^s .9600	+389	
					08 ^s .9177	08 ^s .9606	+429	
					12 ^s .9150	12 ^s .9630	+480	
					16 ^s .9124	16 ^s .9560	+444	
					20 ^s .9098	20 ^s .9580	+480	
					24 ^s .9072	24 ^s .9550	+478	
<u>SEQUENCE No. 2</u>								
066	09	40	00	1	00 ^s .8449	00 ^s .8860	+411	+485
					04 ^s .8453	04 ^s .8850	+398	
					08 ^s .8457	08 ^s .8870	+414	
					12 ^s .8461	12 ^s .8670	+212	
					16 ^s .8467	16 ^s .8906	+439	
					20 ^s .8472	20 ^s .8906	+434	
					24 ^s .8479	24 ^s .8950	+470	

TIME (G.M.T.)	FLASH #	HRS MIN. SEC	(T+Δt) EXPECTED FLASH RECEPTION, TIME TIMED AGAINST 100KC (.1 SEC)	(T+Δt) ACTUAL FLASH REC. (.1 SEC)	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD. SATELLITE INTEGER	
					(T+Δt) TIMED AGAINST 1MC (.1 SEC)	(T+Δt) ACTUAL FLASH REC. (.1 SEC)
066	09	41 00	1	00.8562	00.8960	00.8969
	04	2		04.8573	04.8980	04.8974
	08	3		08.8586	08.9010	08.9002
	12	4		12.8599	12.9040	12.9038
	16	5		16.8612	16.9060	16.9054
	20	6		20.8626	20.9060	20.9065
	24	7		24.8641	24.9110	24.9102
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SEQUENCE No. 3						
066	09	41 00	1	00.8562	00.8960	00.8969
	04	2		04.8573	04.8980	04.8974
	08	3		08.8586	08.9010	08.9002
	12	4		12.8599	12.9040	12.9038
	16	5		16.8612	16.9060	16.9054
	20	6		20.8626	20.9060	20.9065
	24	7		24.8641	24.9110	24.9102
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SEQUENCE No. 4						
066	09	43 00	1	00.9142	00.9580	00.9597
	04	2		04.9167	04.9570	04.9561
	08	3		08.9194	08.9630	08.9618
	12	4		12.9222	12.9680	12.9687
	16	5		16.9250	16.9680	16.9675
	20	6		20.9273	20.9720	20.9725
	24	7		24.9307	24.9790	24.9780

OCCURRENCE¹ OCCURRENCE¹
 $(T+\Delta t_{IMC}) - (T+\Delta t_{IMC})$ ($'$, SEC) ($'$, SEC)

+407 +475

+401

+416

+439

+442

+439

+447

+473

				(T+Δt) _{FLASH}	(T+Δt) _{100KC}	(T+Δt) _{IMC}	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD.	SATELLITE INTEGER
TIME (G.M.T.)	RECEPTION TIME	FLASH #	SECS	EXPECTED FLASH ACTUAL FLASH REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	FLASHES ('' SEC)	MINUTE MARKER	OCCURRENCE (T+Δt)- (T+Δt) _{IMC}) (.1 SEC) ²
DAY	HRS	MIN	SEC	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC)	(.1 SEC) ^{1,2}
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 3</u>								
066	07	35	00	1	00.8887	00.9260	00.9270	+383
				04	04.8902	04.9260	04.9264	+362
				08	08.8917			
				12	12.8932	12.9320	12.9316	+384
				16	16.8949	16.9350	16.9338	+389
				20	20.8965	20.9370	20.9371	+406
				24	24.8982			
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 4</u>								
066	07	44	00	1	00.11215	00.11620	00.11610	+395
				04	04.11258	04.11670	04.11697	+439
				08	08.11303	08.11760	08.11749	+446
				12	12.11347	12.11750	12.11767	+420
				16	16.11392	16.11830	16.11832	+440
				20	20.11437	20.11850	20.11845	+408
				24	24.11482	24.11930	24.11929	+447

TIME DAYS	(T) (GMT)	FLASH #	HRS MIN SEC	(T+Δt) _{LOOKC}		(T+Δt) _{LMC}		TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUAL REC.	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY REC'D.	SATellite INTEGGER MINUTE MARKER
				EXPECTED FLASH REC.	RECEPTION TIME TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)			
<u>SEQUENCE No. 1</u>										
067	07	29	00 1	00.12207		00.11970		00.11968	-239	-127
				04.12155		04.11920		04.11908	-247	
				08.12102		08.11850		08.11860	-242	
				12.12051		12.11820		12.11820	-231	
				16.12000		16.11760		16.11756	-244	
				20.11949		20.11720		20.11715	-234	
				24.11898		24.11700		24.11703	-195	
<u>SEQUENCE No. 2</u>										
067	07	33	00 1	00.9504					-160	
				04.9468		04.9220		04.9231	-237	
				08.9432		08.9180		08.9187	-245	
				12.9397		12.9180		12.9188	-209	
				16.9362		16.9130		16.9122	-240	
				20.9328		20.9110		20.9111	-217	
				24.9294		24.9080		24.9086	-208	

TIME (GMT) DAYS	FLASH #	RECEPTION TIME (Δt , SEC)	(T+ Δt)		(T+ Δt)		TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD.	SATELLITE INTEGER
			EXPECTED FLASH REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	FLASHES ($\frac{1}{4}$ SEC)		
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 3</u>								
067	07	34 00 1	00.9009	00.8770	00.8778	00.8778	-221	-144
		04 2	04.8980	04.8680	04.8683	04.8683	-297	
		08 3	08.8951	08.8690	08.8703	08.8703	-249	
		12 4	12.8922					
		16 5	16.8894	16.8660	16.8660	16.8660	-234	
		20 6	20.8866	20.8630	20.8626	20.8626	-240	
		24 7	24.8839	24.8610	24.8609	24.8609	-230	
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 4</u>								
067	07	39 00 1	00.8311	00.8090	00.8091	00.8091	-220	-153
		04 2	04.8324	04.8080	04.8084	04.8084	-240	
		08 3	08.8338	08.8090	08.8101	08.8101	-237	
		12 4	12.8352	12.8150	12.8151	12.8151	-201	
		16 5	16.8367	16.8130	16.8134	16.8134	-233	
		20 6	20.8382	20.8160	20.8163	20.8163	-219	
		24 7	24.8398	24.8200	24.8201	24.8201	-197	

TIME DAYS	(GMT) HRS	MIN SEC	FLASH #	(T+Δt) _{100KC}		(T+Δt) _{LMC}		TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD. MARKER OCCURRENCE
				EXPECTED FLASH RECEPTION TIME	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	FLASHES (μSEC)	
067	07	44 00	1	00.10621	00.10360	00.10369	00.10369	-181
			04	02	04.10665	04.10420	04.10427	-238
			08	3	08.10710	08.10450	08.10452	-258
			12	4	12.10755	12.10530	12.10532	-223
			16	5	16.10801	16.10580	16.10581	-220
			20	6	20.10847	20.10620	20.10618	-229
			24	7	24.10893	24.10670	24.10683	-210

SEQUENCE NO. 5

				TIME DIFFERENCE ¹	
				BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD. SATELLITE INTEGER	
				ACTUAL FLASH REC. FLASHERS (μSEC) MINUTE MARKER	
				(T+Δt) _{1MC} - (T+Δt) _{1MC} OCCURRENCE (μ SEC) ^{1,2}	
TIME (GMT)	FLASH #	RECEPTION TIME	TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)	(T+Δt) _{1MC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC}
TIME (GMT)	FLASH #	RECEPTION TIME	TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)	(T+Δt) _{1MC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC}
TIME (GMT)	FLASH #	RECEPTION TIME	TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)	(T+Δt) _{1MC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC}
067 09 35 00 1		00.13030	00.12880	00.12928	-102
04 2		04.12980	04.12760	04.12764	-216
08 3		08.12930	08.12710	08.12717	-213
12 4		12.12881	12.12710	12.12719	-161
16 5		16.12832	16.12640	12.12643	-189
20 6		20.12783	20.12710	20.12512	-271
24 7		24.12735	24.12570	24.12575	-160
<u>SEQUENCE No. 1</u>					
067 09 40 00 1		00.9915	00.9680	00.9672	-243
04 2		04.9884	04.9640	04.9625	-259
08 3		08.9854	08.9630	08.9623	-231
12 4		12.9824	12.9600	12.9597	-227
16 5		16.9795			
20 6		20.9766	20.9570	20.9587	-213
24 7		24.9737	24.9550	24.9537	-200
<u>SEQUENCE No. 2</u>					

					TIME DIFFERENCE ¹	
					BETWEEN EXPECTED	SATELLITE INTEGER
					& ACTUALLY RECD.	MINUTE MARKER
					FLASHES (SEC)	OCCURRENCE (SEC) 1,2
TIME (GMT)	FLASH #	RECEPTION TIME	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	(T ₄ Δt) _{100KC})	(T ₄ Δt) _{LMC})	(T ₄ Δt) _{LMC}) - (T ₄ Δt) _{1MC})
TIME DAYS HRS. MIN SEC		TIMED AGAINST 100 KC (SEC)		TIMED AGAINST 1 MC (SEC)		
SEQUENCE #3						
067 09 43 00 1		00.8963		00.8990	00.8774	-189
04 2	EXPECTED FLASH	04.8952	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	04.8850	04.8844	-108
08 3	RECEPTION TIME	08.8943		08.8800	08.8799	-144
12 4	100 KC (SEC)	12.8933		12.8760	12.8741	-192
16 5		16.8924		16.8880	16.8792	-132
20 6		20.8916		20.8800	20.8773	-143
24 7		24.8909		24.8910	24.8865	-034
SEQUENCE #4						
067 09 44 00 1		00.8864		00.8650	00.8646	-218
04 2	EXPECTED FLASH	04.8861	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	04.8630	04.8630	-231
08 3	RECEPTION TIME	08.8859		08.8640	08.8635	-224
12 4	100 KC (SEC)	12.8858		12.8640	12.8646	-212
16 5		16.8857		16.8630	16.8626	-230
20 6		20.8857		20.8650	20.8655	-202
24 7		24.8857		24.8670	24.8663	-193

TIME DAYS	HRS.	MIN	SEC	#	FLASH RECEPTION TIME (μ SEC)	ACTUAL FLASH REC. 100 KC (μ SEC)	(T+ Δt) _{LOOKC}	(T+ Δt) _{1MC}	ACTUAL FLASH REC. 1 MC (μ SEC)	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD.	FLASHES (λ , SEC) (T+ Δt) - (T+ Δt) _{1MC})	SATellite INTEGGER MINUTE MARKER OCCURRENCE(λ SEC)
<u>SEQUENCE #5</u>												
067	09	45	00	1	00.8884	00.8680			00.8690	-194		-144
				04	2	04.8890	04.8670		04.8670	-220		
				08	3	08.8895	08.8670		08.8669	-226		
				12	4	12.8902	12.8700		12.8705	-197		
				16	5	16.8909	16.8710		16.8715	-194		
				20	6	20.8912	20.8720		20.8722	-190		
				24	7	24.8925	24.8740		24.8736	-189		

TIME DIFFERENCE¹
BETWEEN EXPECTED
& ACTUALLY RECD. SATELLITE INTEGER
EXPECTED FLASH ACTUAL FLASH REC.
RECEPTION TIME TIMED AGAINST 100KC TIMED AGAINST 1MCS SEC.
(μ SEC) (μ SEC) (T+ Δt) - (T+ Δt)
1MC 1MC OCCURRENCE (1 SEC) 1,2

SEQUENCE NO. 1					
TIME (GMT) DAYS	(T) HRS MIN SEC	FLASH #	(T+ Δt) 100KC	(T+ Δt) 1MCS SEC	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹
068	07 37	00 1	00.9382	00.9260	-123
			04.9342	04.9230	-115
		3	08.9305	08.9170	-129
		4	12.9266		
		5	16.9229		
		6	20.9191		
		7	24.9154	24.9080	-075
				24.9079	

SEQUENCE NO. 2					
TIME (GMT) DAYS	(T) HRS MIN SEC	FLASH #	(T+ Δt) 100KC	(T+ Δt) 1MCS SEC	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹
068	07 39	00 1	00.8395	00.8270	-123
		2	04.8370	04.8240	-125
		3	08.8344	08.8230	-112
		4	12.8320	12.8200	-111
		5	16.8295	16.8190	-104
		6	20.8272	20.8180	-094
		7	24.8249	24.8170	-075

TIME (G.M.T.) DAIS	HRS MIN. SEC	FLASH $\frac{S}{\pi}$	(T+Δt) 100KC		(T+Δt) 1MC		TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY REC'D.		TIME DIFFERENCE ACTUAL FLASH REC. FLASHES (Δt SEC)	
			EXPECTED FLASH RECEPTION TIME	TIMED AGAINST 100KC REC.	ACTUAL FLASH REC.	FLASHES (Δt SEC)	MINUTE MARKER OCCURRENCE (Δt SEC)	SATELLITE INTEGER (T+Δt) - (T+Δt) 1MC	1	
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 3</u>										
068	07	43 00 1	00.7892	00.7800	00.7802	00.7802	-090	+29		
	04	2	04.7903	04.7800	04.7817	04.7817	-086			
	08	3	08.7914	08.7820	08.7833	08.7833	-081			
	12	4	12.7926	12.7860	12.7862	12.7862	-064			
	16	5	16.7938	16.7860	16.7868	16.7868	-070			
	20	6	20.7955	20.7860	20.7863	20.7863	-092			
	24	7	24.7965	24.7940	24.7945	24.7945	-020			
069	07	47 00 1	00.9480	00.9336	00.9336	00.9336	-144	+21		
	04	2	04.9520	04.9365	04.9365	04.9365	-155			
	08	3	08.9560	08.9417	08.9417	08.9417	-143			
	12	4	12.9601	12.9479	12.9479	12.9479	-122			
	16	5	16.9642	16.9504	16.9504	16.9504	-138			
	20	6	20.9683	20.9563	20.9563	20.9563	-120			
	24	7	24.9725	24.9630	24.9630	24.9630	-095			

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					TIME DIFFERENCE ¹ BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD. SATELLITE INTEGER		
TIME DAYS	(^T) HRS	FLASH MIN SEC	(^{T+Δt}) EXPECTED FLASH REC. RECEPTION TIME (μ SEC)	(^{T+Δt}) ACTUAL FLASH REC. TIMED AGAINST 100KC (μ SEC)	(^{T+Δt}) ACTUAL FLASH REC. TIMED AGAINST 1MC (μ SEC)	(^{T+Δt}) FLASHES (μ SEC) (μ SEC)	(^{T+Δt}) OCCURRENCE (μ SEC) (μ SEC) ^{1,2}
SEQUENCE No. 5							
068	07	48 00	1	00.10113	00.9979	-134	+21
		04 2		04.10158	04.10020	-138	
	08	3		08.10202	08.10056	-146	
	12	4		12.10247	12.10135	-112	
	16	5		16.10293	16.10184	-109	
	20	6		20.10338	20.10235	-113	
	24	7		24.10384	24.10300	-084	

TIME DAYS	HRS	MIN	SEC	#	FLASH RECEPTION TIME 100 KC ('. SEC)	(T+Δt) _{100KC}	(T+Δt) _{1MC} ACTUAL FLASH REC.	(T+Δt) _{1MC} TIMED AGAINST 1MC ('. SEC)	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹	
									BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD.	SATELLITE INTEGER FLASHES ('. SEC)
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 1</u>										
068	09	41	00	1	00.12441	00.12200	00.12315		-126	+21
				04	04.12397	04.12240	04.12234		-153	
				08	08.12352	08.12200	08.12201		-151	
				12	12.12308	12.12210	12.12208		-100	
				16	16.12264	16.12150	16.12161		-103	
				20	20.12220	20.12120	20.12118		-102	
				24	24.12176	24.12100	24.12095		-081	
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 2</u>										
068	09	43	00	1	00.11198	00.11060	00.11063		-133	+19
				04	00.11160	04.11030	04.11023		-137	
				08	08.11123	08.11098	08.10984		-139	
				12	12.11086	12.10950	12.10964		-122	
				16	16.11049	16.10930	16.10929		-120	
				20	20.11013	20.10910	20.10906		-107	
				24	24.10977	24.10890	24.10890		-087	

				TIME DIFFERENCE ¹			
				BETWEEN EXPECTED & ACTUALLY RECD.		SATELLITE INTEGER	
				ACTUAL FLASH REC.		MINUTE MARKER	
				TIMED AGAINST 1MC (μSEC)		OCCURRENCE	
TIME DAYS	HRs	MIN	SEC	(T+Δt) _{1MC} FLASH RECEPTION TIME # (μSEC)	(T+Δt) _{100KC} ACTUAL FLASH REC. 100 KC (μSEC)	(T ₄ Δt) - (T ₄ Δt _{1MC}) (μSEC)	(T ₄ Δt _{1MC}) (μSEC) _{1,2}
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 3</u>							
068	09	45	00	1	00 ^s .10205	00 ^s .10078	-127
				04	04 ^s .10172	04 ^s .10040	+28
				08	08 ^s .10149	08 ^s .10020	-135
				12	12 ^s .10122	12 ^s .1002C	-133
				16	16 ^s .10095	16 ^s .9990	-108
				20	20 ^s .10064	20 ^s .9970	-094
				24	24 ^s .10043	24 ^s .9950	-094
<u>SEQUENCE NO. 4</u>							
068	09	48	00	1	00 ^s .9367	00 ^s .9230	-138
				04	04 ^s .9358	04 ^s .9210	+14
				08	08 ^s .9351	08 ^s .9210	-144
				12	12 ^s .9343	12 ^s .9220	-143
				16	16 ^s .9337	16 ^s .9220	-125
				20	20 ^s .9331	20 ^s .9220	-121
				24	24 ^s .9325	24 ^s .9230	-119

TIME DAYS	HRS.	MIN	SEC	#	FLASH RECEPTION TIME TIMED AGAINST 100 KC (μ SEC)	($T + \Delta t_{IMC}$) EXPECTED FLASH ACTUAL FLASH REC.	($T + \Delta t_{IMC}$) ACTUAL FLASH REC.	($T + \Delta t_{IMC}$) TIMED AGAINST IMC (μ SEC)	TIME DIFFERENCE ¹	
									($T + \Delta t_{IMC}$) FLASHES ('(SEC)	SATELLITE INTEGRITY MINUTE MARKER OCCURRENCE (μ SEC) ^{1,2}
068	09	52	00	1	00.9752	00.9620	00.9611	-141	+63	
	04	2	04.9723		04.9630	04.9624		-099		
	08	3	08.9794		08.9640	08.9645		-149		
	12	4	12.9810		12.9690	12.9690		-120		
	16	5	16.9838		16.9710	16.9710		-128		
	20	6	20.9861		20.9730	20.9739		-122		
	24	7	24.9883		24.9792	24.9792		-091		

¹ Minus sign indicates flash occurred prior true "on time"
Plus sign indicates flash occurred after true "on time"

"On time" is that time referenced to cesium beam standard time ticks at Goddard Timing Laboratory - true "on time" would necessitate the subtraction of approximately 30 microseconds from each listed time difference.

² Telephone conversation with Mr. Glen San Iwin, APL. The data was obtained from telemetry information received at APL. Reference time used at APL is referenced to true "on time" reference to WWV.